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SUBJECT: CHINESE REFUGEES EX-HONG KONG TO USA

1. DEPARTMENT (ORM) WILL RECALL THAT IN 1971 USG AUTHORIZED ICEM TO DRAW DOWN FROM USG SPECIAL ACCOUNT IN ICEM REFUGEE LOAN FUND MONIES TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING SERVICE COSTS TO NEEDY CHINESE REFUGEES ACCEPTED IN HONG KONG FOR IMMIGRATION TO USA. THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN OPERATING EFFECTIVELY SINCE 1971.

2. APART FROM NEEDY CASES MENTIONED PARA 1, ICEM ALSO PROVIDES COMPARATIVELY LOW COST TRANSPORTATION TO CHINESE REFUGEES IMMIGRATING FROM HONG KONG TO USA WHO ARE ABLE TO MEET TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND DO NOT REQUIRE LOANS. CONNECTION THIS LATTER CATEGORY ICEM HONG KONG OFFICE DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT WHICH AS RESULT SPIRALLING INFLATION IN HONG KONG INVOLVES SIGNIFICANT EXPENCE TO ICEM. THEREFORE ICEM REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO DRAW DOWN \$20 PER CAPITA (SERVICE CHARGE) FROM USG SPECIAL ACCOUNT NO. 1 TO MEET THIS EXPENSE. FOR CY 1975 ICEM ESTIMATES 3,000 SUCH MOVEMENTS.

3. VIEW ADVANTAGE TO THE CHINESE REFUGEES IN QUESTION TO ENJOY ICEM,S FAVORABLE CHARTER FLIGHT FARE, MISSION (RMRC) RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT'S SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION THIS
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